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Azzurri's 1982 champion team, from left, front row: Tim Alder, Stewart Tyerman, Terry Kent, Phil Cole, Stewart Blair, Wally Bojczuk, John Francis, Mike Donnelly, Chris Manolev, Mario Boffa.
Back row: Howard Wells (trainer), Graham McMillan, Frank Michelon, Barry Smith, Rob Boehnke, David Miller, Ossie Michelon, Andy Toland, Steve Whitehead, Frank Schaper (coach).

Azzurri seeks third berth for Sth Australia

Perth makes \$600,000 bid for NSL

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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Adelaide's Azzurri and Western Australia's Dalmatinac — which is willing to sign 17 guest players — will apply for admission to the 1984 regionalised National League.

And pressure is mounting for Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City to play in the northern rather than the southern region. This would be possible if Canberra Arrows agreed to play in the south instead of the north. Canberra, however, wants to remain in the NSW region in order to retain sponsorship from NSW Lotto.

If the Brisbane clubs moved to the northern region, they could create a vacancy for Azzurri or Dalmatinac in the South.

Yugoslav-sponsored Dalmatinac released the results of a feasibility study on its NSL prospects, exclusively to "Soccer Action".

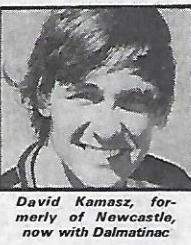
This study presently is in the hands of the West Australian Premier's Department.

Dalmatinac attempts to elicit the support of premier Brian Burke to give its NSL application political clout.

Burke is a former president of West Australian club Balga. His son, Thomas, captained Western Australia at the last national youth championships.

Future Marketing's feasibility study budgeted for a staggering \$175,000 travel outlay in the NSL — a far cry from the \$30,000 travel impost on each club in this year's 16-team NSL.

That's because this travel component took into account the need to pay return fares



David Kamasz, formerly of Newcastle, now with Dalmatinac

from Adelaide to Perth for every one of Dalmatinac's opposing clubs.

Azzurri's application is tempered with a note of caution. The Italian-sponsored club wants concrete information on the new NSL format in order to be clear about the cost structure of such a venture. Future Marketing undertook Dalmatinac's feasibility study, which concluded that the club would need a staggering \$600,000 in its first NSL year. The study, though, predicts that the target certainly would be reached! Peter M Kay of Future Marketing takes up the story:

"First of all, we reached the conclusion that soccer in the west must have NSL representation. We've gone directly to the Premier rather than rely

on the local media to report Dalmatinac's case."

Dalmatinac was led to believe by the NSL that the league would cover all travel costs of opposing sides to and from Adelaide, en route to the west.

From that point on, Dalmatinac would have to cover travel costs. That explains the huge travel component in the feasibility study.

Remember however Dalmatinac claims it has 600,000 good reasons to believe that it can make a go of competing in the NSL.

Let's look at the club's existing and potential sources of income.

Dalmatinac reckons that it conservatively would draw 5,000 spectators at home games.

That figure isn't pie-in-the-sky because a hefty slice of the club's projected \$600,000 budget would go to pay guest players at home games. Dalmatinac has been in touch with English and European player agents and would be able to have a different top-class guest player at each of its home games — certainly a first in Australian soccer.

The feasibility study included room in its financial report for 17 such guest players, thinking that the NSL might continue its present one-league

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TOURNAMENT FACES AXE

The international tournament in November between Uruguay, Cameroon, Poland and Australia, may be called off.

What concerns the ASFA is that crowds for the recent three-match series against England fell far short of expectations.

Another consideration is that Poland, as reported by Andrew Detre in "Soccer Action" on July 20, is unlikely to send its senior team.

The possibility of calling the tournament off was discussed briefly by the ASFA executive, and there will be further talks at another meeting on Friday.

The ASFA is trying to establish how much the tournament will cost and whether the visiting teams would be at full strength.

As it stands, the teams will play for \$200,000 in prize money.

Matches are to be played as double-headers, and the schedule is:

In Brisbane, Wednesday, November 16.

In Sydney, Saturday, November 19.

In Adelaide, Wednesday, November 23.

In Melbourne (final and third-place play-off), Saturday, November 26.

The Seven Network is to cover the series.

1984 'Match of the Day' in a muddle

The regionalised format of the 1984 NSL presents problems for television.

Channel 0/28 runs two half-hour soccer programmes and a one-hour "Match of the Day" show every week, but it was not taken into the NSL negotiations during planning of the regionalised competition.

There would be 12 games a week in a 24-team league, whereas there are only eight games a week at the moment. Channel 0/28 covers all eight, and its outlay would jump by 50 per cent if it covered 12 games.

As for the "Match of the Day" programme, Channel 0 has tried as often as possible to show games between a Melbourne and a Sydney club in order to appeal to viewers in both States.

Under the 24-team set-up however, Melbourne and Sydney clubs play against each other only three times a year.

"Match of the Day" could be made up of two matches — half an hour of each — but that of course would double the expense.

Another consideration is that Channel 0 starts transmitting to Canberra and surrounding districts from October 14, meaning that it also wants to feature Canberra Arrows on the "Match of the Day".

Canberra's first appearance on the show is on October 23, when it meets Sydney City Hakoah at Bruce Stadium.

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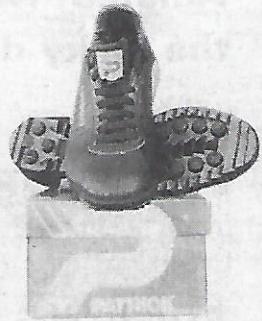
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Vieri, Odzakov the greatest

Malcolm Macdonald, Mike Channon, Graeme Souness, Francis Lee, Charlie George, Justin Fashanu, Ralph Coates, Ray Clemence . . . and now, George Best.

I saw all the great guest players imported over the past seven years and I actually was instrumental in bringing out Fashanu and Lee.

Some achieved unbelievable publicity for themselves and for soccer during their stay.

But was George Best the right type of "super star" to bring over for a guest stint? Let's face it, his football days were over, and with Brisbane Lions he turned out to be nothing more than Mr Ordinary.

But the reason I write about the big-name brigade is because of an injustice that was done to the greatest of them all, Roberto Vieri.

I was coach of Marconi when we brought Vieri here as a guest player from Italy.

He later went back home but returned and played several seasons with Marconi. Now he is player-coach of Canberra club Inter-Monaro which is making a bold bid for the NSW State League top four.

He was as big as they come for he had played top-level soccer for Juventus and for Roma under the great Heleno Herrera. Yet Vieri received little adulation from the national media than the British players who came here.

This despite the fact that no player in the past seven years has added more excitement or flair to a club than Vieri did at Marconi.

In my opinion, he is by far the most successful player to come to this country since the NSL started in 1977.

Vieri operated in the province of skill and entertainment. His team mates of the time, Peter Sharne, Mark Jankovics, Bertie Mariani, Paul Degney, Jimmy Rooney, still speak about him in superlatives.

But I feel sorry that such a great personality was not really used in the way some guest stars were used to help boost soccer's standing.

It was evident during the World Youth Championships in Mexico that our young players are still deficient in skill. If any top club finally gets around to employing a skills coach, Roberto Vieri is the man they should look to first.

Odzakov part of winning axis

Anyone wondering about the secret of Makedonia's success need look no further than Zarko Odzakov.

In a recent poll conducted by "Soccer Action" writers, to find the most exciting player in Australia, Odzakov was ranked ninth.

However, such is the impact Odzakov is making week by week, that if the poll were held at the end of August, I'm sure he would be voted No. 1.

The former Vardar Skopje midfielder is physically pow-



RALE RASIC

erful, he's a deadly finisher, he's the master of soccer technique and he's a very tough customer when a tackle is required.

In my book, he's the most complete footballer in the

While Odzakov plays a leading role in Makedonia's success, he is only one point of a three-man axis around which the club revolves at the moment.

The other two are coach Peter Ollerton and president John Branov.

Ollerton's achievements as a coach are longer can be regarded as an "accident". He's proving week after week that he knows exactly what coach-

ing is all about, and in his quiet and modest way, he is performing miracles. I'm not quite sure of the figures, but I think that under Ollerton, the team has lost only two of its last 34 matches.

John Branov epitomises Makedonia's administrative stability, and Odzakov leads a highly talented group of players, including Ospasins who is advancing in leaps and bounds; Lucchesi that skilful striker; Jones, Flavell and McMillan the tough men, and tricky Campbell on the wing.

The administrative stability so typical of Makedonia in recent years is evident also at another of Victoria's leading clubs, Green Gully Ajax, where president Guy Spiteri and treasurer Arnold Langer are the leaders, and where the coach is allowed to do his job with encouragement rather than with criticism.



Roberto Vieri

'Winker' Watson and the Wombles of Waratah

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The Wombles have migrated to Waratah Common. There's Winker, Badger, The Mossblown Marvel, Corky and wee Hammy and the tale of their Sunday sorties should produce many happy endings for the remainder of this season.

Peter Lewis of Green Gully Ajax and Vince Bannon of Juniors.

Watson's playing pedigree was enhanced during his stint with Glasgow club Clydebanks Strollers. It was there that he was spotted by scouts for Rangers and arch enemy Celtic, and Watson found himself playing trial games with both clubs in the same year.

That's especially surprising with regard to "Winker" Watson. Few players come to Australia as tender soccer age of 22 already having spent four years of their life as a full time professional with a club of the stature of the mighty Glasgow Rangers.

Watson arrived here this year, on Friday, May 13. That could have been an ominous sign, however, recent performances have shown Watson's scant regard for superstition. Since being switched from midfield to right back he fast is bridging the reputation gap between himself and more established right backs like

Rangers won 3-1. Stan Anderson was coaching Rangers' reserves then and he told Watson that he would recommend to manager John Greig that the club should sign the teenager. "I had to take my chance when it came. If I'd waited a bit longer before making up my mind, I might have found that both Rangers and Celtic would have lost interest. Anyway, I've always been a Rangers supporter and after a second reserves game there, against Morton, the club offered me terms and I accepted," said Watson.

That was at the start of the 1978-79 season. Watson found himself farmed out to junior club Benbulben for six games before playing his first reserves match as a full timer with Rangers against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park. By the start of the 1979-80 season, Watson was well established in the reserves. However, first team opportunities were extremely scarce. He only played in the firsts on two occasions, both in friendly games.

Watson and Sunshine-George Cross defender Steve Richardson were team mates at Rangers. In a recent "Soccer Action" interview, Richardson said that he was surprised that Doveton beat Sunshine-George Cross earlier this season, since that interview the Doves completed a double against the combine, winning 2-1 at home a fortnight ago. Richardson's comments stung Watson.

"I couldn't believe it when I read Steve Richardson's comments. Right enough, I never played in the first game but the other week we were clearly the better side and I thought we could have won by a bigger margin. If Doveton's not that good in Steve Richardson's eyes then it says very little for the club he's playing with. Even after our recent game he was saying that he couldn't beat them."

When Watson first arrived, Doveton was coached by Ernie Merrick. Since then, former Australian international

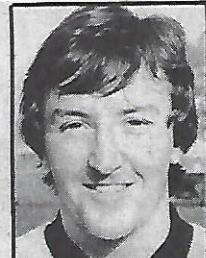
Hammy McMechan has taken over.

"Ernie knew what he was talking about but I think he overdid the technical aspects a bit. There's been a change of atmosphere since Hammy took over. We're enjoying ourselves more and I think that's starting to show out on the field. It was Hammy's idea to switch me to right back and I'm really enjoying myself there."

At right back, Watson's ability to get forward quickly is being put to good use. His taking is getting better but he'd like to improve his left foot and turn quicker. These areas of his game still can be developed.

Watson's wife is in Scotland and by the time this goes into print, could have given birth to their first child. Watson will holiday in Scotland later this year then return with his family.

"At first, my wife was going to come out here but she fell pregnant just when I was having problems getting a visa. The longer things dragged on she was, of course, getting further into her pregnancy. We decided she should stay back home with her moth-



Graham Watson

er. Anyway, I want my child to be born in Scotland."

"I'll be seeing them at Christmas. I keep in touch regularly and I've told my wife about Australia. She can see the place for herself next year and maybe we'll end up setting here. I don't know."

"I think I'm good enough to play in the NSL and to be honest I'd like to play in that standard. That's not an immediate goal. I've got a two year contract with Doveton."

"I think you'll see a different Doveton over the remaining league games. Apparently the club finished 10th last season, well I think we're going to do the same thing. It's just a pity that we didn't have a better start. If we had, then maybe we'd be pushing for something right now."

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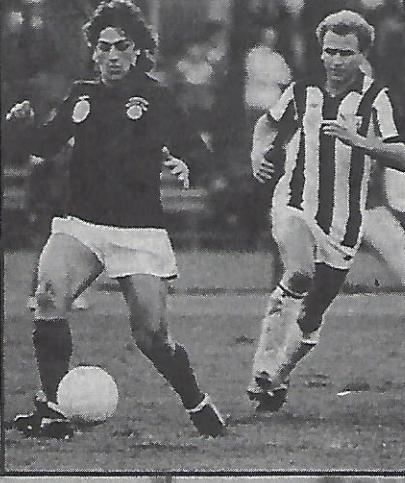
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Kyri Kryiakouleas in action, from top left: playing for Helles against Hilton Silva, then of Sydney Hakoah; playing for J.U.S.T. against Agenor Muniz, then of Adelaide Juventus; beating Jim Campbell of Heidelberg-Alexander — and (above) laughing at the opposition while team mates Dennis Boland and Slobodan Popovic organise the defence.

KYRI: NOT JUST A TOUGH GUY

Nobody likes playing against Footscray J.U.S.T. anymore. They've never liked playing against Kyri Kryiakouleas, but now they're up against 11 guys with Kyriakouleas' uncompromising attitude.

It's his best season so far. Kyriakouleas says so himself.

And it's shaping as J.U.S.T.'s best year since the NSL started in 1977.

Kyriakouleas says he's improved his game a lot under coach Bobby McLachlan —

particularly in positioning and tackling. "I don't dive in anywhere," he says.

But he's just as fearsome as ever in the way he attacks the ball, both in the air and on the ground. The phrase "putting your body in" takes on a whole new meaning when it's applied to the J.U.S.T. centre back.

Perhaps it's got something to do with his karate expertise. He's a karate black belt — and that demands exceptional strength of mind and body plus fearlessness and total commitment.

I've seen Kyriakouleas chop through planks of wood with his hands and have a thick pole broken across his midriff. He

shows the same toughness in words when he feels they're justified.

Take for example his statement before J.U.S.T.'s recent victory over Sydney Olympic. "Some players respect Tommy Docherty, but I don't because he keeps on polishing us all the time. We're out of his mouth," he said.

And whether he was worried about his clash with Olympic's tough man, Marshal Soper, Kyriakouleas said with disdain: "Marshal does most of his tackling with his mouth." Incidentally, Soper hardly was sighted during the game.

But there's more to Kyri-

kouleas than brawn. He studied microbiology and wanted to be a gynaecologist before financial success through business made him a bit complacent.

Kyriakouleas and his wife Erica have, for some years, been running a take-away food shop at Apollo Bay, a beach resort on Victoria's south-west coast. It's been making so much money that they can afford to put it only during the holiday season and relax for most of the remaining months.

More recently, however, Kyriakouleas has been trying his hand in the car trade, in conjunction with Simon Turton, a car dealer and team manager of a crew team and team manager of a crew team.

All credit to J.U.S.T.'s former coach, Cedo Cirkovic. Erika always has had a shrewd eye for talent. So it was when he picked out Kyriakouleas, Vlato Belic, Suleiman Curovic, Mendi Ristovski, Zoran Iloski, Dennis Boland, Joe Picioane, Alan Parrott and many more.

Kyriakouleas had progressed through the ranks of the Hellas juniors, into the reserves. He still laments that he has scored only three goals in his entire career — one in the reserves against Heidelberg Alexander and two in a 2-0 victory by the Hellas under 16s. Even goalkeeper Lou Tsigaras scored that day.

He made his Hellas senior debut as a substitute against Alexander at Olympic Park No. 2 in 1979. Stuart Baxter, the regular centre back, was injured, and young Kyriakouleas took over. It would have been a daunting experience for anyone else, but Kyriakouleas played with tremendous confidence and was in total control for the rest of the match.

Len McKendry, Victorian State coach at the time, was so impressed he made a few phone calls, wanting to find out more about the young defender.

But Kyriakouleas went on to play seven more games for Hellas in the remaining 23 rounds. He also had a dispute with the Hellas leadership and made his debut for J.U.S.T. as a substitute in a 1-1 draw with Brisbane City in round 13 of 1980.

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George Best has imposed a "no media contact" clause in the contract he has just signed with New Zealand Rothmans National League club Christchurch Mogul United.

Best stipulated that he will undertake no interviews, press conferences or radio talk-back shows during his scheduled stay in Christchurch from August 26 to September 12.

The clause has dismayed local officials who are gambling on Best's three-month guest stint to restore its ailing finances.

With limited media exposure however, Best's ability to attract sponsors and generate sufficient interest to get turnstiles clicking antifactorly must be questioned.

On his last visit to Christchurch in 1967, Best inspired Manchester United to an 11-0 victory over New Zealand.

Those who have seen the Irishman in the colors of Brisbane Lions recently will doubt if he can make a similar impact.

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O'CONNOR TAKES OVER

Wollongong striker Phil O'Connor has overtaken previous leader Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Australian Player of the Year award.

O'Connor polled five votes, while Yankos polled only one in the previous, leaving O'Connor four votes ahead.

Adelaide's South Melbourne Hellas remains in third place although he did not poll any votes on Sunday, while Neil Bent (Adelaide Juventus) moves to within one point of Davidson, in fourth place.

Steve Bryant (Canberra) and Paul Burke (Newcastle) join David Ratcliffe (St. George) in equal sixth place. Marshall Soper (Sydney Olympic) is the new leader in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award.

His two against Heidelberg give him a total of 11 — one more than second-placed John Bradley (APIA).

Steve Bryant (Canberra) notched two against Brisbane City, lifting his total to eight.

This week's votes:

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Patton) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENVENTUS 1 (Dods) at Schnitter Reserve. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6 Flounders (AC), 5 Carter (AC), 4 Banfield (AC), 3 Blair (AC), 2 Nyskohus (AC), 1 Paton (JUST).

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (J. Stewart) WOLLONGONG 2 (Cotton, O'Connor) at Richlands. Crowd about 250. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6 Hunter (BL), 5 O'Connor (W), 4 J. Stewart (BL), 3 Dunleavy (W), 2 Niven (BL), 1 Vardareff (W).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Brown) APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 at Middle Park. Crowd about 4000. Votes by Peter Desira:

6 Crino (SM), 5 Halford (SM), 4 Xanthopoulos (SM), 3 Tredinnick (APIA), 2 Parkes (APIA), 1 Egan (SM).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Frank Pangallo:

6 Jones (Mak), 5 Lucchesi (Mak), 4 Todorovski (Mak), 1 Paton (JUST).

3 Heys (A), 2 Amey (WA), 1 Wilson (Mak).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Kosmina) NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 0 at Grahame Park, Gisford. Crowd: 3121. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6 G. Watson (N), 5 Pezzano (SC), 4 Burke (N), 3 Barnes (SC), 2 Mason (N), 1 Kosmina (SC).

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 4 (Djordjevic, 2 Brown, Serimini) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3798. Votes by Alex Fesic:

6 Bryant (C), 5 Perry (BC), 4 Farina (C), 3 Walsh (C), 2 Wishart (BC), 1 Cole (C).

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LOU BROVIC: KING OF THE PERSIAN GULF

Lou Brovic applied for the job of Australian national team coach in 1974. The telex he received notifying him of his failure to gain the appointment said that the ASF wanted to appoint a younger man. Brovic, 70, will end his contract with Saudi Arabian club Al Hilal in May next year and will return to Australia for good.

He laughs when he thinks back to that ASF telex. Our ASF bosses had told a former Yugoslavia New Zealand, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Egypt national coach, a man who coached Juventus of Turin, Barcelona, PSV Eindhoven and Red Star Belgrade, a man who played for Red Star and Yugoslavia, a man with Australian coaching experience gained as boss of South Melbourne Hellas, a man lauded as a soccer saviour by the Kuwaitis and Saudis, simply: 'Thanks but no thanks.'

"The Arabs respect experience. Not so here. There are no old or young coaches, just efficient and inefficient ones."

Chronologically I am 70 years old. Physiologically I feel like I'm 50. I'm coming back to stay next year and I want to work with young players at a national level but if I'm not wanted, I couldn't care less," said Brovic, presently holidaying in Melbourne.

Brovic predicts that the Saudis will emerge within two years as the greatest Arab soccer country, a staggering claim in the light of Algerian and Kuwaiti success at last year's World Cup finals in Spain.

"At the end of this year the Saudi government will build new stadiums for all 12 First Division clubs. But the key to the emergence of the Saudis, just as it was with my work in Kuwait, will be the development of young players."

"In Kuwait in the early 1970s I started from scratch as national team coach. The population of the country is about 1,250,000

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and almost 1,000,000 of these are foreigners working there. That leaves a very small population of locals from which to build a national team. Nevertheless, the Kuwaiti government was very strong in its support for soccer. Just like the Saudis will do at the end of this year, the Kuwaitis gave every First Division club a modern stadium, fully grassed, with two or three training pitches.

Gymnasiums were built, excellent floodlighting installed, everything you could wish for. But the standard of the older First Division players was poor. I found young boys with above average talent and worked on them. That was the secret of our success. You need the facilities, sure, but you have to develop your young players properly.

"That is an area of improvement I've seen here since I coached South Melbourne Hellas in the 1960s. Back in those days, few clubs had more than two or three junior teams and those youngsters were looked after and indulged. Australians, youngsters still need better coaching. These kids have great potential. I find young Australians to have outstanding physical qualities but their technique is not as good as it should be."

"The big mistake the Saudis made a few years ago was to try to buy success. They imported the most expensive coaches in the world but it didn't work. I started the first soccer academy there and in a few years time we will see the benefit of the young players being developed there."

"I estimate that the Saudis are about 20 years behind Europe. They may never catch up, but they will improve dramatically. The big thing against them is their lack of professionalism. Rich people run the clubs, people who don't know anything about professional soccer. These people are far too permissive. They tolerate lack of punctuality and a general unsporting attitude."

festyle from their players. That's not good enough."

Brovic was an outstanding centre half with Red Star. He was exceptional in the air, with the ability — unusual in the 1920s and 1930s — to come forward and score. He played only a few games for Yugoslavia. He coached Red Star after the Second World War and was Yugoslav national coach from 1948 to 1952. From 1947 to 1954 he was Professor of Football at the State Institute in Belgrade. Brovic left Yugoslavia in 1954. In 1960 he was European national team coach, then took up a club appointment with Dutch giant PSV Eindhoven. He coached Italian giant Juventus in the 1950s, winning the First Division championship twice, spent a year with Barcelona, a year with Tenerife in the Canary Islands, then was New Zealand national team coach in 1962, 63, 64.

He had a gentleman's agreement with the then president of the NZ association, the late Mr Bob Smith, that once he had served his contract, the association would help to win citizenship for him. Smith's untimely death and the failure of his predecessor to uphold that verbal agreement forced Brovic to come to Australia, to coach South Melbourne Hellas.

"Frankly, gaining citizenship was my prime motivation in coming to this part of the world. It certainly wasn't the money because I was getting \$60 a week in New Zealand and Australia. After serving a two-year contract with Hellas I was granted permanent residency."

Just two weeks after Brovic ended his contract with Hellas he was offered and accepted the position of Kuwait national coach. Since then he's absorbed himself in developing soccer in the Persian Gulf. Now, he's ready to retire from full-time club coaching. He'll settle here next year. There won't be a gaudy available-for-hire sign around his neck. His record says it all!

Djordjevic won't be forgotten again!

**Marconi 4
St George 0**

Scorers: Djordjevic 45', 76', Brown 59'; Sherman 85'.
Ground: Marconi Stadium
Referee: R. Davies 8
Crowd: 3798
Yellow cards: M. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea
Red card: M. O'Shea

MARCONI: James 8, Bozanic 8, Rizzotto 7, Calderon 8, Henderson 7, McCullough 7, Sherman 7, Carbone 7, Brown 7, Djordjevic 9, Licata 7 (Hunter 85').

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 5, Skeen 7, R. O'Shea 5, Barton 6, Ratcliffe 6, M. O'Shea 6 (sent off) Slater 7, Stone 5, Wilkinson 5, J. O'Shea 6, Marton 6 (Petkovski 69').

Jovan Djordjevic, the man who was almost forgotten at Marconi and came into the side at the expense of the injured Mark Jankovic, was the toast of his club's 4-0 victory.

He mesmerised Saints' defence with some great runs and accurate through balls then chimed in with two goals which had the local crowd chanting his name.

It was Djordjevic who turned this game into an exciting affair after an uneventful first half. With neither side able to create an opportunity, Terry Greedy, the Australian keeper, lent a helping hand. A high cross by Licata was palmed away by Greedy to the feet of Djordjevic and a left footer from the edge of the box sent the ball crashing past David Skeen who was on the line for St George.

That was the tonic this match needed.

Soon after half time Saints had their chance to draw level but alas, star striker Deez Marton managed to hit Bruce James from some seven metres after a neat one-two with Slater.

Minutes later Djordjevic strangled past three defenders, then lobbed Greedy only to see his shot go over the bar. In the 50th he was again involved in a move which saw Sermanni thread his pass through for Licata. A quick cross followed and Rod Brown was at the far post to volley home No. 2.

Neville Flounders, the tall centreback and midfielder Les Carter, starred for Adelaide City, while sweeper Neil Banfield also was impressive.

Carter however, missed two excellent chances to score the equaliser for the visitors — the first in the 37th minute when he ran past Gary McDowell and Suleiman Curovic only to shoot over the bar, and the second in the 55th minute when he missed from a similar position.

It was an improved performance by Adelaide City which has won only one of its past 10 games.

J.U.T. undefeated for six weeks, failed to produce the good form it showed in beating Sydney Olympic, Marconi and Sydney City.

brothers suffering at the hands of referee Roger Davis. Michael Robert and John O'Shea received yellow cards, with Michael O'Shea being sent off in the 76th for holding back Rod Brown.

For Marconi Rod Brown, Vic Bozanic and Steve Calderon played their hearts out, with Rene Licata prominent during the second period.

"How could I change this team?" said Doug Collins, the Marconi coach, after the match, an obvious reference to the display of Djordjevic.

This will now leave Collins with a happy posse. Who will be on the reserve bench next week?

Flounders, Carter outplay J.U.T.

Foots JUST 1

Adel. City 1

Scorers: JUST: Paton 18th;

AC: Dods 84th.

Venue: Schnitter Reserve

Crowd: about 1000.

Referee: Chris Bambridge 9.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.:

Baland 6 — Curovic 7, Kyriakouless 7, Tutill 7, Hazabent 6

— McDowell 6, Belic 6, O'Donnell 7 — Paton 7 —

6 (Carroll 69th), Lujic 6.

Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVEN-

TUS: McNally 7 — Cole 7,

Banfield 8, Flounders 9, Ny-

skohus 7 — Metta 7, Blair 7,

Carter 8 — Rankin 5, Mullen

6, Maxwell 5 (Dods 73rd).

Coach: Bobby Ferguson.

Substitute: Glenn Dods

salvaged this draw for Adel-

aide City with a goal six

minutes from the end.

Adelaide City was the better

team but trailed for most of

the match after Jamie Paton had scored for J.U.T. in the 18th minute.

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Laurie Schwab

J.U.T. coach Bobby McLachlan surprised the local fans by leaving out star forward Joe Carroll who was back after a one week suspension.

McLachlan retained Ian Purdie until finally bringing on Carroll as a substitute in the 69th minute.

In those J.U.T. was defending a one-goal lead provided by Paton who combined well with Purdie before placing his shot just past goal keeper Willie McNally.

Sergio Melita would have scored for Adelaide City except for good defensive work by Brian O'Donnell and Flounders was lucky not to score an own goal with a header that beat goalkeeper McNally just before half-time.

Flounders brushed off his embarrassment in the second half when he drove his team into attack, with the help of Carter and Banfield.

However, while the rest of the Adelaide City team performed creditably, forwards Mullen, Rankin and Maxwell were marked out of the match by the J.U.T. defenders.

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Thomson says KB finished

**Syd. City 1
Newcastle 0**

Scorers: Kosmina 2nd min.

ute.

Venue: Grahame Park, Gos-

ford.

Crowd: 3121.

Referee: Peter Rampay 7.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Pezzano 8 — Cant 7, Robertson 7, O'Connor 7, Souness 7 — Watson 7, Barnes 8, Borges 6, Gomez 6 — Kosmina 7, Murray 6. **Coach:** Eddie Thomson.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Geling 7 — Maior 7, Burke 8, Watson 8, H. Tredinnick 7 — Kirby 7, Macson 8, Sankalaki 7, Jones 6 — Lowe 6, Mountford 6. **Coach:** Ken Kaiser.

Thomson doesn't regard Newcastle a threat to the championship any longer.

He paid tribute to his defence, especially fullback Souness and sweeper Alex Robertson.

Robertson marked young Souness' striker David Lowe out of the game and stopper Steve O'Connor was just as effective on Mountford.

Apart from that second-half chance Hakoah was always in control and went on to win 1-0 in a very bumpy Grahame Park surface.

Their loan goal came after just two minutes from Socceroo striker John Kosmina.

Captain Murray Barnes made a run down the left flank, laid back a ball to full-back Ian Souness, who then sent a 40 metre cross directed to the far post.

Kosmina was unmarked and headed in.

Scoring chances were limited but that was not surprising as the ball was extremely difficult to control on a ground that Slickers' coach Eddie Thomson later described as one of the worst he'd been this year.

Yet it was Sydney City's decision to take the match to Gosford for promotional reasons.

One of the poorest-drawing clubs in Sydney, Hakoah would have been pleased with the crowd response — the official figure was 3,121.

Despite this it's too complicated for our friends in Adelaide ...

I think I mentioned this before — but it bears repeating once more: a section of APIA Leichhardt's Lambert Park represents mortal danger to the players.

The area in front of the burnt-out stand has no safety railing or netting; the brick wall encasing the dressing rooms is no more than three or four metres from the playing field.

All that's needed is for a player, at full pelt, to be tackled close to the touchline by an opponent coming from the wrong angle — and one, perhaps both players will smash against the wall at terrific speed.

I know Leichhardt's ground is Council owned. I also know that the club is trying to find a more suitable home. But even until it manages it — couldn't some measures be taken — even sandbags against the wall — to eliminate the risk of a horrible injury bound to happen sooner or later?

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Fans fail to get money's worth

**West Adel 0
Makedonia 0**

*Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 1,000.
Cautions: Todorovski,
McMillan (Makedonia); Hon-
eyman (W.A. Hellas).*

Referee: A. Martell 7.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA:
Wilson 7; Opasinis 7; Flavell 7;
Jones 9; Todorovski 8; Farrell 7;
Odzakov 7; McMillan 7;

*Ward (Iloski 41) 6; Lucchesi 9;
Campbell 7.*

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS:

Sproul 7; Amey 8; Dunn 6;

Hien 6; Doorne 7; Papazoglou 7;

Atsalas 7; Honeyman 7;

Heys 8; Calandaris 7; Brown 7.

Preston Makedonia's second visit to Adelaide within seven days wasn't as rewarding as the first.

And the fans were somewhat cheated, too.

While a gutsy wind blowing down the ground didn't make for quality football, the standard service up to the paying customers was atrocious.

Had both Adelaide clubs followed St George coach Frank Arnik's short-lived promotion of giving fans their money back if not satisfied, Juventus and Hellas' coffers would now

be showing an embarrassing shortfall.

There's no question the playing standard has slipped remarkably over the past two seasons and it's saying something when the most memorably game of the season in Adelaide was an exhibition fixture featuring George Best.

There was little to enthuse about in this game. One would have expected Makedonia to have won. West Adelaide to shreds considering the league positions of both clubs. As it was, it was no different than say seeing a middle-order side taking on a lowly team.

Makedonia's game relied heavily on its tough defence and although Lucchesi tried hard all day, the tactics of long balls and hefty clearances was never going to suit either team.

In effect, it was aerial tennis with congestion in midfield. My notebook was devoid of any attractive attacking moves to even discuss in this review, let alone chances in front of goal.

In fact, if there were a scoreline, it would read West Adelaide 2, Makedonia 0.

Atsalas, with ample time to steady, had miskinned from just inside the box for Wests' best chance of the first half.

Then, in a second half, in which West Adelaide spent more time in Makedonia's half without looking a menace, Honeyman fired a low ground shot into the safe hands of Richard Wilson.



West Adelaide's Steve Atsalas rises above Isaac Ferrell of Makedonia.

Heys was West Adelaide's most effective striker, if not for anything. The hapless little fellow was also under pressure trying to make something of the balls (rather than passes) fired, no, shelled in his direction.

What action there was came in the heavy body contact that marrred the first half. Referee Martell coped well and helped simmer tempers by issuing yellow cards to Honeyman of WestAD and Todorovski and McMillan of Makedonia.

Even though Makedonia was strengthened with the return of Lucchesi and McMillan, it looked unimpressive, respectively to being the top contender for the 1983 championship.

West Adelaide again reshuffled its side, bringing in youngsters Papazoglou (full-back), Calandaris (midfield) and Brown (attacking midfielder). While they acquitted themselves well, one quality is still missing from WestAD — two or three class players.

WE THREW IT AWAY: MORTON

**Syd. Olympic 3
Heidelberg 0**

*Scorers: Soper 2, Pater-
son.*

*Venue: St. George Sta-
dium.*

Crowd: 3924.

Referee: Doug Rennie 7.

Cautions: Soper (SO).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC:

Meier 8 — Condy 7, Herbert 8, Dakos 7, Jennings 8 — Patikas 8, Rogers 8, Katholos 8, Phillips 8 — Soper 8, Pa-
terson 9. Coach: Tommy Docherty.

**HEIDELBERG-ALEXAN-
DER:** Oliver 5 — McKie 7,
Yankos 8, Macleod 8,
Tansley 7 — Selemidis 7,
Campbell 7, Spanos 7, Pe-
tersen 7 (Angele 70th) —
Cole 8, Lea 8. Coach: Ken Morton.

In the 17th minute, Gary Phillips took a long throw from the right sideline to catch Oliver out of position. The ball floated over the keeper's hands to Soper who had an easy tap-in.

Oliver was again in trouble 13 minutes later when Graham Jennings galloped down the left side and his cross was fumbled by the keeper to Steve Patterson who had an equally easy header to score.

Soper was almost in again a few minutes before half time from another long throw by Phillips but put the ball over the bar.

The final goal was scored 11 minutes from fulltime when Soper charged between Oliver and defender Ian McKie to whip a loose ball into the far corner of the net.

Lea was left unmarked and outpaced the Olympic defence for most of the second half but was unable to control his shots.

Heidelberg played with a strong breeze in the second half and judicious long kicks by Jim Tansley and Theo Selemidis sent Lea away as the Olympic defence concentrated on keeping former Socceroo striker Gary Cole out of the attack.

"It was a worrying period for us with no one marking Lea but fortunately we regained control after a period of scrappy play," said Olympic coach Tommy Docherty.

During the first 20 minutes of the second session, Heidelberg applied maximum pressure, with Olympic scrambling hurried clearances to any part of the field until Martyn Rogers and Phillips restored order in the midfield.

Olympic appreciated the better playing surface at Barton Stadium, where they have transferred from former home ground Pratten Park, and their quick, accurate passing frequently caught the Heidelberg players flat-footed.

Halford the gaffer Crino the maestro

Peter Desira

**SM-Hellas 1
APIA 0**

*Scorer: Brown 62m
Ground: Middle Park
Attendance: 4000 (es-
timate)*

Ref: Stuart Mellings 8.

Cautions: Carter, Blair.

HELLAS: Laumets 7; Rus-
sell 7, Xanthopoulos 8, Blair
8, Yzendoorn 7; Davidson 8,
Halford 7, Crino 9, Murphy
7, Egan 8, Brown 8. Coach:
Len McKendry.

APIA: Parks 8; Carter 7,
Gray 6, Bottalico 7, Brown
6; Morsello 7, Butler 8, P.
Tredinnick 8; Bradley 6,
Valeri 6, Sharne 6. Coach: Fil
Bottalico.

Hellas must learn to relax after taking the lead if it is to push home its superior playing advantage, according to coach Len McKendry.

"It will come with experience but if we can iron out the anxiety and get them to relax after scoring the first goal, we should win some matches more comfortably," McKendry said after this important win on Sunday.

The match, played at break-neck pace throughout the 90 minutes, was one of the most entertaining seen at Middle Park this year.

APIA had the wind in a first half in which its moves looked slicker and more incisive than those of Hellas.

But it was a completely different story after the break and there was only one team in it, with the Hellas midfield overshadowing its counterparts. Charlie Egan and Doug Brown running the APIA defence ragged and the back four hardly giving top scorer John Bradley or speedster Peter Sharne a look-in.

The star of the match was Oscar Crino who at times seemed to be gliding through the match despite its fast pace, setting up openings galore with some delightful one touch passes and lobs ever.

But Carl Halford was not far behind in the voting stakes, because of his unbelievable work-rate. He must have covered every blade of grass over the 90 minutes, tackling ferociously, getting back to cover, and offering himself as a back-up to most of Hellas' attacks.

The other stars of the match were Arthur Xanthopoulos who gave another fine captain's performance and hardly a foot wrong at the heart of the back four, and Charlie Egan who battled gamely against two central de-

fenders almost twice his size in John Bottalico and Ian Gray.

And it was Egan's dogged persistence that gave Hellas the winner in the 62nd minute.

Gray appeared in a seemingly safe situation, in control of the ball, until Egan's presence forced him to move quicker and the striker was in like a flash to rob him as the defender stumbled.

With Bottalico racing back to cover, Egan squared the ball across to Doug Brown who hammered it home with aplomb.

Hellas could have hit the lead earlier but for some fine anticipation by goalkeeper Bob Parks.

Parks, forcing former Socceroo Greg Woodhouse into the background for the fifth week in succession, came off his line smartly to reach a great shot through pass from Ken Murphy and was able to smother the ball before Egan could get a good hold.

Then Crino looked odds-on to score, latching onto a header from Alan Davidson in a corner kick situation to send a low shot close to the right hand post only to see the keeper get down to block before the ball crossed the line.

Referee Stuart Mellings added to the drama, waving play-on despite claims for a penalty. Egan was charged down in the box in a challenge by Paul Carter.

By comparison to Parks' busy second half, Peter Laumets had a holiday. He was called to make two saves in the opening 45 minutes and none after the break.

Tony Morsello, who had an impressive first half but then faded out of the game, weaved his way into the box after only seven minutes but had his shot blocked by the keeper. And Walter Valeri, following up, had his effort turned away for a corner by a defender.

John Bradley, at the start of the day the NSW leading scorer, was subdued for most of the game but did produce one touch of magic at the 38th minute mark, putting Sharne in the clear with an intelligent through ball.

But Sharne, another to fade badly after a promising start, surprisingly lobbed weakly into Laumets' arms from an ideal position.

Hellas' improved form brought a significant increase in the attendance figure and the Hellas travelling supporters may help Makedonia set a new crowd record at its compact Connor Reserve on Sunday.



Hellas striker Charlie Egan holds off a challenge from APIA's Mark Brown. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Peter Sharne (APIA) hurdles Hellas de-
fender Steve Blair.

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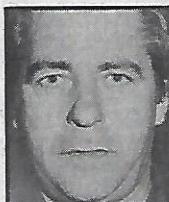
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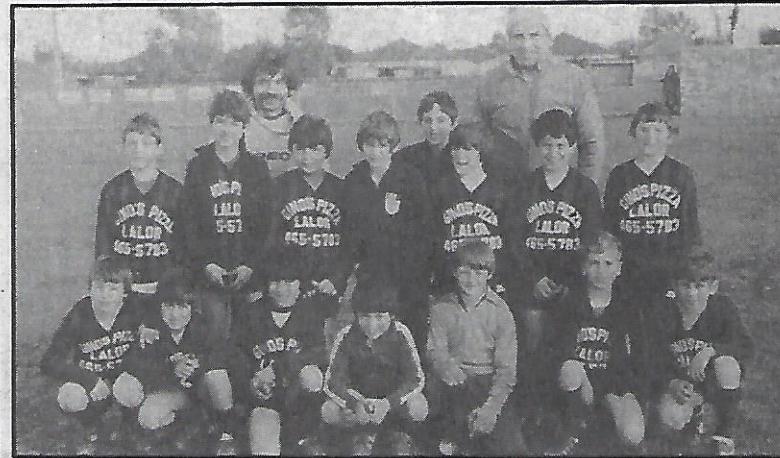
President Nick Iacobucci said the club was confident it could hold its own in a higher sphere because of the depth of junior talent in the club.

Thomastown fields every week the six junior sides pictured on this page, and has upwards of 120 boys on its books.

Mr. Iacobucci says the club is grateful for the help given to it by the Whittlesea Shire, and it hopes that with the Shire's future aid, more junior grounds will soon be established away from Partridge Reserve, in High Street, Thomastown.



Thomastown under 14's from left back row: Tom Kalafatis (coach), Gianpietro Cometti, Danny Jacobovic, Tom Gorgovski, Ralph Tirabassi, Nick Coco, Max Kalafatis, John Kapoifitis, Aldo Napoli (team manager), Front row: Tom Vitor, Fulvio Napoli, Mark Pellicano, Uberto Cignelli, Frank Manago, Giuseppe De Luca, Bruno Salerni.



Thomastown under 11's, from left, back row: M. Trovatello, R. Di Martino, Mike Uzelac (coach), S. Innocenti, P. Marasco, F. Fedele, M. Samaciccio, D. Dimarco, U. DePropertis, Abdul Kalayci (manager), Front row: M. Giarratana, L. Torcaso, V. Kalayci, A. Portelli, T. Stojavoski, R. Uzelac, P. Rocca.



The under 12's, from left, back row: Robert Marcuccio, Robert Vairo, Rober David, Nick Patkas, John Iacono, Con Vlahos, Alex Negriesci, Tom Longo (coach). Front row: Andrew Dinas, Alf Fasciani, Robert Curcio, Robert Caruso, Renato Perrone, Frank Sacco.



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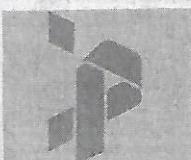
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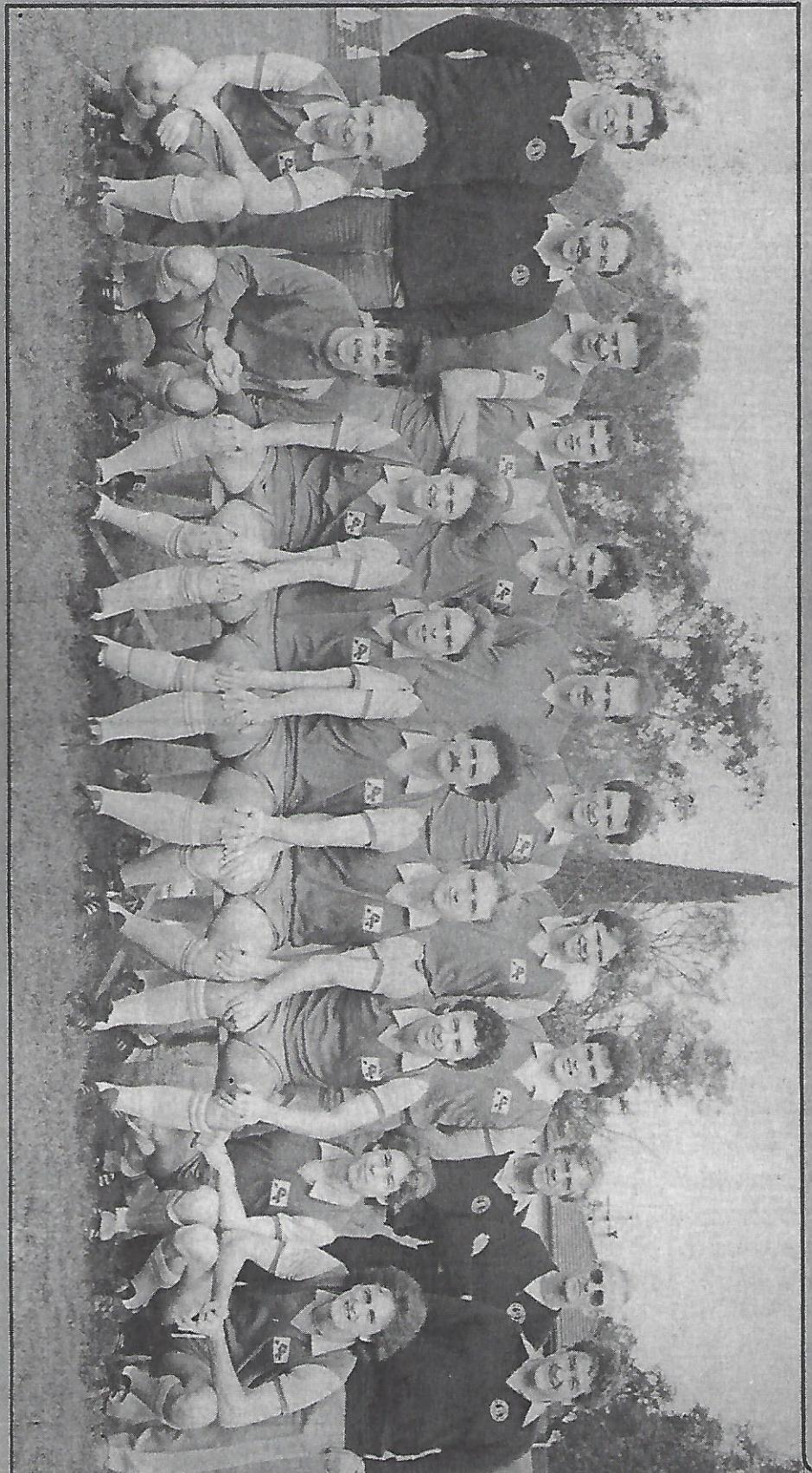
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The Mossblown Marvel grabs a point

CROYDON 1 (P. Loughnane 44th) DOVETON 1 (Webster 70th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 — Rainey 7, Marley 7, Dobson 8, Brown 7 — Wade 7, Rooney 7, Irvine 7 — P. Loughnane 7, Sweeney 6, Macleod 6 (Lemon 6th), Coach: Ted D'Urso.

DOVETON: Keogh 8 — Watson 7, Corke 7, Gadsby 6, Macleod 7 — Buchanan 6, Thurston 6, Davie 6, M. Lemon 6 — Stanton 6, Webster 7. Coach: Hammy McMeekan.

Hammy McMeekan says that the reason his

little striker Stan Webster is so good at wriggling out of tight situations is that Webster's home town of Mossblown in Scotland is so small that there's not much room to move.

"The Mossblown Marvel" gave the Doves a point against Croydon on Sunday after a poor Mark Brown throw-in allowed the green and whites to win possession. Graham "Winkler" Watson played the ball in to Ian Stanton who back-headed and Webster turned

Ian Dobson and struck a low shot into the far corner from an acute angle.

Nevertheless, Croydon stopper Dobson was the star of the match. He's good in the air and a ferocious tackler, qualities which have earned him the stopper's role at the expense of long serving Steve McCombe who sat this one out on the bench.

Croydon created the better chances here and should have won. Big Gus Macleod missed two sitters in the air within a seven minute period early in

the second half. On both occasions it was Paul Wade who provided the crosses but Doveton's best, goalkeeper Sean Keogh, was equal to the task.

Headers from Joe Sweeney and Wade in the first half hit the bar but late in this half Croydon took the lead. Mike Rainey knocked a long high ball to the back post, Macleod headed down, and Peter Loughnane shot home from dead in front.

After Macleod's misses in the second half the Doves became far more adventurous and were rewarded with Webster's 70th minute equaliser.

Sweeney could have grabbed both points for Croydon in the dying minutes but shot wide after Keogh had done well to parry a Wade drive.

After Macleod's misses in



Juventus fans are the most colorful in State League. Here captain Pat Bannon is about to burst through a giant banner specially prepared for one of Juve's recent games.

Good crowd, poor spectacle

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Bain 12th) POLONIA 1 (Marshall penalty 25th) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Contini 6 — Richardson 6, O'Reilly 6, Sceri 6, Taylor 7 — Stevenson 7, G. Bennett 7, Pete 6 — McCann 6 (inj. McCann 38th, 6), Gilder 7, Bain 7. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

POLONIA: Liptak 6 — Ujkani 6, Liptak 6, McCluskey 6, Simarek 6 — G. Czaplak 6 (Kryszak 75th), A. Czaplak 7, P. Czaplak 5, Petrov 6 — Marshall 5, Lake 6. Coach: Leszek Dzielakowski.

What a pity that such a good crowd — just over 1200 — weren't treated to a far better spectacle.

Sunshine-George Cross came to Polonia from the start, forcing their corners as many as minutes and getting the early breakthrough it wanted when Roger Bain netted in the 12th minute after running onto a Carl Gilder header which caught Polonia square at the back.

The Polish-sponsored club struck back in the 35th minute when Steve Richardson fouled Brendan Lakic inside the area

and a penalty was awarded, duly converted by big Alex Marshall.

The combine had two chances to increase its score in the first half but Polonia player-coach, goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski, saved headers from Gilder and Norris-Patterson.

Combine winger Mick McCann continued his bad injury run this season when he was forced out of the action in the 35th minute and replaced by Hugh McCann.

Polonia had kicked-off without injured leading scorer Janusz Przybyla. Midfielder

Joe Trout was injured at training on the Thursday before the game and started off on the bench, as did Tadek Kryszak.

The second half was poor to watch. Polonia had far more of the ball in this stanza but kept breaking down up front.

McCann could have stolen a win for the combine in the last five minutes but volleyed over, however a draw was a fair result. Both camps, especially Polonia, still entertain top four hopes but on this display the presence of either outfit in the State League Cup probably would be shortlived.

Northcote winger Branko Culina (left) grimaces as Albion captain Gerry Reilly tackles ferociously. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

The magic of Moore

ALBION ROVERS 0 NORTHCOTE CITY 4 (Moore 25th, 57th, Bozikis 4th, Quigley 11th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 6, Doyle 6, Douglas 5 (Gale 6 H.T. 5), McLeod 5, Hennessy 5, Gray 4, Smart 7, Bennett 5, D'Sylva 6, McIntyre 5, Reilly 7. Coach: Hugh Moore.

NORTHCOTE CITY: Giannoulas 6, Wilson 6, Mihos 6, Bozikis 7, Katsikis 5, Wright 6, Patino 6, Moore 4, Constantine 7, Tsakiris 7, 78th, 8th, Quigley 7. Coach: Tommo Costello.

The only redeeming feature of this lacklustre, ominously forgettable affair, as far as any non-partisan observer was concerned, was the display of Steve Moore.

Playing in a libero role, he towered like a Beethoven-like over a pathetic Albion attack and midfield, and emphasised his superiority by scoring two goals as well as being the prompter of Northcote's other two.

Albion's woes started early. Northcote began with a flurry and it was obvious that its nippy forwards were going to be a handful for the slow-turning Albion defenders.

In only four minutes the home side was one down. Moore sent Peter Constantine down the left, and when his cross came over the elegant George Bozikis went to it and past Tommo Costello.

Seven minutes later Colin Quigley walked through a gaping Albion rearguard, skipped around Costello's despairing dive and popped in number two.

Albion hopes flickered into life momentarily when Ken Smart managed to wriggle clear of the Northcote defenders, but his fierce shot smacked at the woodwork, and it was obviously not going to be Albion's day.

Moore made that clear when he pounced on a partial clearance a long way outside the Albion box and hammered a great volley past Costello.

Albion, awarded a penalty in the second half, had a chance to slow its way back into the match, but goalkeeper John Giannopoulos guessed correctly and easily smothered Alan Bennett's gentle attempt.

Albion changed its offside tactics, having proved unavailing against Northcote's nippy forwards, and decided to emulate Olivia Newton-John and get physical, but despite the fact that Northcote players were going down like nine-pins all over the field, even that tactic rebounded.

A lone fact just outside the perimeter resulted in a free kick that Steve Moore nonchalantly bashed past the wall and Costello for goal number four.

The problem with the offside trap is that it needs the co-operation of the officials, and Albion's big mistake was that it persisted in the tactics even when it was apparent that the linesman had left his spots at home.

But the last word on the game belongs (as usual) to Joe Doherty. Asked whether he thought Steve Moore deserved three points in our Ametco award he said: "Three points? He should get thirty-three!"

— LES SHORROCK

Armstrong

Soccer's wheel of fortune has turned full circle for Irishman Gerry Armstrong of Watford who was voted Britain's top player in the World Cup in Spain last year. Armstrong, who broke his leg in two places last season and was unable to return to football, is now fully fit again and finds himself up for sale by Elton John's Watford.

German ills

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Youth boss

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Knox City last week took the unusual step or re-appointed coach Eric Lesbirell and assistant Trevor Owen for the 1984 season, even though there still are five league games left this year.

The Knox committee move is likely to put support for the way Lesbirell has nurtured the players at his disposal and helped the juniors, rather than trying to buy success. Presently, five first team squad members are junior products.

Knox life-member John Holland, is due to move to Brisbane shortly. His presence will be sorely missed. Holland is a former secretary, treasurer, team manager, player and junior coach at the club he has been with for 22 years. All Knox officials, players and supporters wish him well.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
KNOX CITY 1 (House 26th) KEW PARK CENTRE 2

KNOX: McTurk 8, Dixon 7, Schreuder 7, 5, Smith 7, Fiebig 7, 9, Wild 7, D. Smith 7, Blasinger 7, House 9, Lesbirell 7, Crompton 8.

KEW: Gray 6, Houston 6, Train 6, Smale 6, Wilkinson 7, Potts 7, Papillo 6, Drudges 6, Kresan 6, Spenser 5 (McClone 77th), Campbell 7.

Knox at times played superb soccer and easily accounted for the opposition. The score line did little justice to Knox's superiority and a good chance to improve its good difference was squandered.

The only goal came when Lesbirell, showing Pin control, waltzed his way down the left and his pin-point cross was slotted home by House.

Parsons came close to equalizing just on half-time but McTurk did enough to make him miss. Wild had two good chances to increase the lead but put both wide.

DIVISION THREE
ELTHAM 1 (Lewis penalty 15th) YARLSTON 3 (Stanbury 9th, 80th, G. Hiriart 28th).

ELTHAM: Graham 7, Alderson 7, M. Cirka 4, Raynes 7, Mcintosh 7, Culley 5 (Briggs 72nd), Lewis 7, Hadie 4 (P. Cirka 58th), Norton 4, Garthwaite 5, Currie 5.

YARLSTON: Dulais, Thompson, Wilson, Polo, Pavlicek, Henderson, A. Hiriart, G. Hiriart, Collings, Stanbury, Carolan.

Eltham a lesson in soccer and in the taking of chances at North Eltham. Faster to the ball all day and stronger in the tackle, the visitors did not let the home side into the game at any stage.

The first goal came in the 9th minute when Stanbury netted at the third attempt despite some heroic efforts to stop the ball by Hugh Graham. Eltham came back into the game briefly when Mark Lewis scored from the penalty spot in the 15th minute.

Hiriart put Yarlston ahead again in the 28th minute and the scoring was completed by Stanbury in the 80th minute.

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EAST BRUNSWICK 1 (Mooney 81st).

BULLEEN-VENETO: D. Perpet 8, E. Soles 8, G. Kyrizopoulos 8, T. Canevari 8, M. Barbieri 9, T. Curran 9, B. Butland 7 (IV. Finch 6), M. Gennari 7, J. Michalewski 7, L. Boerotto 7 (sent off 15th), V. Salvatore 7.

With renewed fighting spirit Bulleen-Veneto came out on top in the big local derby against East Brunswick.

Bulleen-Veneto hit the lead after only three minutes when Cassai beautifully headed home a Roberto corner.

Five minutes later Bulleen-Veneto went 2-0 up through Salvatore, who from 25 metres delightfully chipped the ball over East Brunswick keeper Ricciotti.

In the second half East Brunswick threw everything at Bulleen-Veneto but solid defensive play by Borin, Cassai, Barbieri and keeper Poropat kept them at bay. East Brunswick's consolation goal was

scored when Mooney slotted

home a Heable cross.

HAWKSBUURN 1 (Joe Szabo 59th) SHEPPARTON CITY 0.

HAWKSBUURN: S. Kaz, Sejmeil, A. Birro, Szabo, A. Kaz, Derek, Mistric, Kenton, Foran, Blaskay (Dalekovic 54th), Laalo (J. Szabo 75th).

DIVISION TWO

SOUTH DANEDONG 1 (Saladrigas 1st) MALVERN CITY 2 (Kyriazopoulos 34th, Petropoulos 56th)

SOUTH DANEDONG: C. Bravo, F. Romero, P. Medina, F. Llorente, F. Jimenez, O. Romero (Do Klerk 45th), J. Prata, G. Wierszawski, C. Ugarte, R. Contreras, M. Saladrigas (E. Amein 70th).

MALVERN CITY 0: McCann, L. Mendez, A. Papadopoulos, M. Gavrilis, G. Kyriazopoulos, A. Tomos, N. Daiglannis, C. Lihoudis (Starthopoulos 17th), T. Samenzia.

BEST PLAYERS: South Danedong — G. Wierszawski, J. Prata, A. Bravo, Malvern City — A. Petropoulos, N. Daiglannis, P. McCann.

With only five regular first team players in the line-up, South came remarkably close to causing an upset against joint leader Malvern City. From a Greg Wierszawski corner, left winger Saladrigas headed the home side into the lead after eight minutes. Only minutes later Ugarte's firm header hit the cross-bar from a Presta right wing cross.

A much stronger Malvern City equalised after 34 minutes from a goalmouth melee, the ball trickling through the legs of Bravo from Kyriazopoulos.

It looked a certain penalty for South when Wierszawski was brought down but the un-sighted referee waved play on. Eleven minutes into the second half the hard working Petropoulos scored from close-in from a right wing cross.

Although the young South players never gave up, Malvern took no chances after it gained the lead, content to play out the game with this narrow, but decisive win.

Soccer around the world

Man. Utd., Aberdeen for the titles

1. Manchester United, 2. Liverpool,
3. Tottenham Hotspur.

That's my verdict on top honors in the English First Division which kicks off on August 27. And here is a brief run-down on the 22 teams:

MANCHESTER UNITED: F.A. Cup final win and league placing last season were indications of things to come. Well balanced in defence with Bailey, Albiston and McQueen the big shots, United has both class and strength in the midfield with Robson and Moses. And for striking power who better than Pallister, Sampson and 18-year-old Northern Ireland star Norman Whiteside.

LIVERPOOL: Almost held a mortgage on the title over the past seven years and only a fool would write them off again. But the fact they didn't win a game in their last seven outings last season suggests the strain of continued success is beginning to tell. Some problems in their back four which will be bolstered by the \$640,000 signing of Coventry City's under 21 Scotland defender Gary Gillespie. But if the English/Rush partnership continues to click, look out everybody!

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: Probably the most ambitious of all and not without real hope or talent. The mention of players like England star Glen Hoddle, Argentinian ace Osvaldo Ardiles and Scotland striker Alan Brazil plus one of the best new-minders in the business in Ray Clemence is enough to rate them highly.

ARSENAL: Even with \$1.2 million former Celtic star Charlie Nicholas, I don't think that Terry Neill's Gunners will make the top three placings. Former F.C. Cologne star Tony Woodcock has not justified his rating since his return to England and Arsenal's boring brand of soccer last season hardly augurs well for

ASTON VILLA: The glory season of 1981/82 now well behind them, with their present line-up they fall a bit short of champions material. Outstanding young striker in Gary Shaw.

BIRMINGHAM: Almost took a nosedive into the Second Division last season and there's nothing to suggest they won't be battling in the same direction again.

COVENTRY CITY: Selling six of their top players for around \$2 million and buying six mainly from lower divisions for less than a million may be good for the balance sheet but one cannot regard them as anything but battlers.

EVERTON: Howard Kendall's mixture of youth and experience did well last season but only in fits and starts. If they can show some consistency they may surprise.

SUNDERLAND: Struggling last season, the same fate awaits them in the next season especially after selling 20-year-old striker Ally McCoist.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION: Hard to beat at home and that counts a lot. Still have ace striker Cyrille Regis and that too guarantees an ample supply of goals. Maybe top six.

WEST HAM UNITED: Lost Belgian international star Frans van der Elst to F.C. Lokoren but have loads of talent.

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NORWICH CITY: After almost being written off last Christmas they made an amazing comeback and find themselves in a respectable position. But if they don't satisfy Northern Ireland skipper Martin O'Neill's new contract demands the Canaries will feel the loss.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Despite the loss of players of the calibre of John McGovern, Peter Shilton, Kenny Burns last year, and now the departure of John Robertson to Derby, Brian Clough has fashioned a better than average side out of some little-known players and can give a good account of themselves.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: The Second Division champions look good enough to start the higher grade with confidence. They don't come any stronger than John Gregory in defence while strikers Mike Flanagan and Clive Allen are no comedy merchants.

NOTTS COUNTY: The bravest battlers in the First Division with the poorest support living in the shadow of Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest. New team manager Howard Wilkinson will no doubt dress up the skills of the side including Justin Fashanu but the pressure will be on County right up to next May.

WATFORD: Elton John's side made a terrific impression last season when upstairs first teamers they are a solid, well-balanced side and should go well despite the loss of Luther Blissett to AC Milan.

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entered players to get them well up the league ladder.

WOLVES: Brought back from the dead just before the start of last season after being relegated, they quickly made their mark through the astute managing director, Derek Dougan who inspired the side to quick promotion. Middle-of-the-table prospect?

IPSWICH TOWN: Now this side is capable of upsetting Manchester United, Liverpool and Spurs. And despite the loss late last season of Scottish international striker Alan Brazil to Spurs. For Ipswich have Brazil's Scotland colleague John Wark — whose 50 League goals for the East Anglian side in the past three years make him the top scorer in the First Division. And remember Ipswich also have England internationals Paul Mariner, Russell Osman and Terry Butcher in their ranks.

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1. Aberdeen, 2. Dundee United, 3. Celtic.

It seems unbelievable that anyone should rank the famous Glasgow Celtic as third choice for the leading spot in Scottish League soccer but that's how I see things as the new season looms. My rundown on the teams:

ABERDEEN: Having beaten Hamburg and then Real Madrid in the final of the European Cup-Winners Cup, even the most biased "neutral" has to admit Aberdeen has skill and class. Youngsters like Eric Black, Neale Cooper, John Hewitt and John McMaster combined with seasoned campaigners like Willie Miller, Alex McLeish, Gordon Strachan and Peter Weir makes the Dons top class.

DUNDEE UNITED: Current Premier League

champions, they have one of the most astute managers in Jim McLean who has groomed the vast majority of his players from schoolboys to maturity. An excellent record in European soccer over the past few seasons suggest how highly they are rated home and abroad.

CELTIC: Losing Charlie Nicholas to Arsenal and also their other top striker George McCluskey to Leeds United through their admirable policy of setting a fair ceiling on playing terms, as well as setting top standards and manager Bill McNeill join Manchester City for the same reasons is enough to drop them out of the top reckoning even with the signing of Motherwell's star 19-year-old striker Brian McClair.

RANGERS: Virtually out in

the cold for the past couple of years after the great success of Jock Wallace. Bought Scotland's 1981 Player of the Year, striker Sandy Clark (ex-Airline) from West Ham late last season and recently paid \$400,000 for 20-year-old goalscorer Ally McCoist who cost Sunderland \$700,000 two years ago. Should improve their goal tally and may surprise.

ST MIRREN: The Paisley team in Europe this season are the only real threat to Aberdeen, Dundee United, Celtic and Rangers. Have some promising youngsters with a few oldies.

HIBERNIAN: Ambitious but seem to be spending much more cash on ground improvements than on strengthening their wobbly side. Pat Stanton, • CONT. ON PAGE 11

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La vittoria dei bianconeri sul Green Gully infatti riporterebbe le tre protagoniste del campionato a parità di punti, ma la Juventus rimarrebbe tagliata fuori da una differenza reti di molto inferiore (al momento 43 per il Croatia, 40 per il Green Gully e 26 per la

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Juventus). Percio' e' purtroppo il caso di aspettare e sperare senza poter far niente, oltre naturalmente a vincere tutte le partite rimaste.

Domenica ha rischiato di farsi seppellire dal Croatia scendendo in campo con una formazione che non aveva possibilità alcuna di successo, sempre per la famosa compromissione di Cullen. Margaritis schierava infatti ben quattro attaccanti (Zanni, French, Incantalo e Cullen) e solo due centrocampisti (Ged Bannon e Rogers). Considerando che Rogers non gioca da centrocampista ortodosso ma piu' da secondo libero di fronte al centromediano, era ovvio che il solo Ged Bannon non poteva reggere il confronto a centrocampo. Degli attaccanti Incantalo e Cullen dovevano giocare arretrato, ma la posizione dello scacchiere conta poco comparedo alla vittoria. Il centrocampo infatti non e' solo il reparto che pompa palle in avanti (e Incantalo e Cullen possono far questo), ma anche la difesa avanzata dove si cerca di stroncare le offensive avversarie sul nasvere (e nessuno dei due e' molto tagliato per questo compito). E' successo cosi' che un Croatia non in grande vena (mancano Brogan e Latif e il sostituto McClunie e' stato completamente inutile) e' riuscito a prendere il sopravvento in una partita molto mediocre.

Ma il nuovo Margaritis e' che piu' fanno sbagliare tutti i mortali, ha l'occhio buono durante la partita e riesce a effettuare cambiamenti di schemi e di uomini che salvano la situazione.

Gia' a metà tempo aveva sostituito Ged Bannon con Swinscoe, senza peraltro guadagnare molto nel cambio perché quest'ultimo era ovviamente a corte di forma dopo l'operazione e la convalescenza. Poiche' Swinscoe non e' bastato, Margaritis si trovava nel dilemma di dover rinforzare il centrocampo senza indebolire l'attacco, perche' ormai la squadra era in svantaggio e subiva l'iniziativa avversaria. Ecco quindi il tecnico bianconero venire fuori con la novita' geniale di tirare fuori il pur bravo Drinocky, indietreggiare Rogers a centromediano e mandare in campo Lloyd a dar manforte al centrocampista. Con poco piu' di mezz'ora e con due reti di passivo, poiche' il Croatia aveva raddoppiato subito dopo l'ingresso in campo di Lloyd, questo gladiatore del pallone e' riuscito a distruggere il centrocampo avversario con una prova alla disperata e cambiare completamente il volto della partita. La Juventus, che fino ad allora non aveva creato alcuna azione da rete, e' salita in cattedra ed ha cominciato a bombardare la porta avversaria da tutte le posizioni.

La prima sorpresa portava la fine di Zanni che riusciva ad agganciare un corto rimbalzo in area e sbatterlo in rete, seguiva Swinscoe che batteva imparabilmente Blasby con un gran tiro tesissimo dal limite dell'area e concludeva lo stesso Lloyd con un rasoio a filo di palo. In tutto dieci minuti di gioco ubriacante che avrebbe potuto riulicare in un'altra maratona se French e Cullen, soli in area, non fossero impappinati come principianti su un passaggio di Incantalo.

Incredibile rimonta quindi e vittoria entusiasmante che ha fatto sventolare pazzamente le bandiere bianconere al ritmo i Juve-Juve. mentre i tifosi croati, increduli e avviliti hanno lasciato il campo con la faccia stravolta di chi sta stanco, recando a buttarsi nel vicino Yarra. Nel bar, dopo la partita, la Juve ha ricevuto gli onori di euforia erano indescrivibili, ma sicuramente il presidente di cui deve essere stato il presidente del Green Gully, Guy Spiteri, che ha pagato da bere a tanti con un sorriso come l'ingresso del Luna Park. Ce' da augurarsi che la settimana prossima non sorridera' tanto dopo la conclusione di Green Gully.

E cosi' speriamo che Margaritis abbia finalmente capito che la Juventus senza Lloyd e Swinscoe a centrocampo diventa una formazione molto mediocre e che non sacrifici piu' uno di questi due giocatori nemmeno per far posto a Paolo Rossi edizioni mondiali.

Una nota particolare per il pubblico che ha assistito alla partita: circa 5.000 spettatori hanno premiato ogni ordine di posti in tribuna, hanno addirittura riempito la tribuna chiusa al pubblico sopra gli spogliatoi, hanno affollato il piazzale sotto le due tribune e si si riversato anche dalla parte del fiume. Osservatori della Lega avrebbero potuto aggiungere qualche dubbio sul fatto che queste siano le due squadre da ammettere ad ogni costo nella nuova competizione nazionale regionalizzata. E tanto per accortene Joe Caruso, e' il caso di dire che la Juventus e' riuscita a prendere il treno... ma solo rincorrendolo dopo che era gia' partito!

In campo amministrativo, possiamo anticipare che la Juventus ha concluso in modo molto favorevole le trattative per il contratto di affitto (e il possibile percorso di riacquisto) del centrocampista Bulleen che tutti i particolari di questa atestissima sistemazione saranno dati dal comitato in occasione della riunione pubblica indetta per martedì 30 agosto, alle 7.30 pm, nella Crystal T di Sydney Road, Brunswick. Durante la serata probabilmente verranno dati ragguagli anche sulla partecipazione alla lega nazionale il prossimo anno. Intanto si "Il Gloc" di lunedì prossimo verrà pubblicato un ampio supplemento sulla Juventus e naturalmente tutti i tifosi e simpatizzanti del club faranno bene a leggerlo per rendersi conto di quello che sta bollendo nella pentola bianconera.

IL FAWKNER PUO ANCORA SPERARE

Il Fawkner continua a fare esperimenti in vista del prossimo campionato e domenica scorso ha schierato anche il tenente Popovic che cosi' faceva il suo esordio stagionale. Senza strafare gli azzurri hanno battuto il fanalino di coda del S.M. Hellas ed hanno migliorato la loro posizione in classifica approfittando delle battute d'arresto di Croydon, Morwell, Sunshine e Polonia. Il quarto posto si trova ora a tre punti di distanza ed e quindi tecnicamente ancora raggiungibile poiche' nessuna delle squadre che se lo contendono davanti al Fawkner

puo' essere considerata irrinunciabile. Per far cio' il Fawkner perdi' dovrebbe superare se' stessa, e fare un grande favore alla Juventus, contro Green Gully e Croatia. Un Quarto posto per gli zzuroli del Presidente Schipani non solo rappresenterebbe un piazzamento di grande prestigio che potrebbe influenzare favoribilmente la candidatura del club per la Lega Nazionale, ma sarebbe anche una pioggia di dollari anche nel torneo di quattro di fine stagione con Croatia, Juventus, Green Gully e Fawkner diventerebbe sicuramente un cartellone di grande cassetta.

IL MORWELL IN LIMBO

Nessuna speranza rimane invece per il Morwell che, sconfitto in casa dal Green Gully per 0-3, si trova due punti dietro al Fawkner. Nessuno si aspettava molto dagli azzurri, anche una pioggia di gol di Bulleen che e' stata perci' una parziale sorpresa vedere le due squadre andare al riposo in parita'. In quanto alla possibilita' che il Morwell venga ammesso alla Lega nazionale il prossimo anno (e cio' escluderebbe si-

curentamente il Fawkner) bisognerebbe vedere se il criterio di giudizio della Lega sia cambiato rispetto a quello di anni recenti quando la decentralizzazione del calcio (vedi Newcastle e piu' recentemente Wollongong) la solidata finanziariamente la qualità degli impianti erano i criteri principali. Su tutti questi punti il Morwell sarebbe il primo club ad essere ammesso, poiche' ha tutti questi requisiti in modo quasi ideale. Recentemente però sembra che il criterio di ammissione si sia spostato piu' a favore del richiamo sul pubblico (questa e' la ragione per cui il George Cross potrebbe essere preferito al Green Gully) e questo non e' certo il forte del Morwell.

DELUSIONI PER LE ALTRE ITALIANE

Nelle divisioni inferiori, grosse delusioni per le squadre italiane che avevano fatto cose aggrate negli ultimi tempi. Il Thomastown e' andato a perdere a Springvale dando cosi' praticamente un addio alle possibilità di promozione che potrebbe presentemente promosso a tavolino con il rimpianto che seguirà l'allargamento della Lega Nazionale); l'East Brunswick si e' fatto superare nel derby italiano dal Bulleen che, pur distanziato ormai in classifica, ha rotto le uova nel paniere dei cugini; persino l'East Carlton ha riasportato l'amaro sapore della sconfitta dopo otto risultati positivi consecutivi. Una eccezione a questa giornata deludente, oltre al Bulleen, e' stata la Triestina che battendo l'Hamlyn Rangers ha fatto un altro passo importante verso un piazzamento d'onore.

TIM WHITE

Victorian coaching director

Camp a hit

The Lord Mayor's Children's Camp at Portsea had its normal winter peace shattered by Victoria's under 13, 14 and 15.

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The format included debriefing of preparation of representative teams and practical experiments in issuing the young players simple instructions in match situations.

As director of coaching, I pointed out that coaches should not, particularly at this level, be concerned about systems of play, i.e. 4-3-3, 4-2-4 or whatever their particular favorite is.

The best systems in the world will not overcome inaccuracy passing or shooting.

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sible with the ball to learn very simply to kick, to lead, to dribble to control.

No coaches objected to this principle but a little resistance was evident at first to the suggestions of cutting down on the number of matches in the preparation time.

It need to spend more time on techniques was evident on the practical side when we spent all day Saturday and Sunday morning on a very green, lush ground at Portsea.

Players were placed in match-type situations and given a simple instruction on a task to perform when in possession of the ball. When all coaches were disciplined in the art of watching individuals rather than teams it became clear that most breakdowns in play occurred because of poor technique.

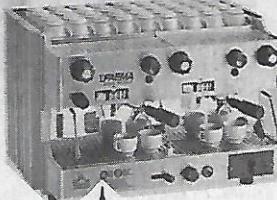
The players were allowed time on the pitch to practice whatever techniques they wished and at times just played fun games. They were very tired late in the afternoon which I felt could have been the result of the late night pillow fights rather than the on the field activities.

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NEMA LAKIH PROTIVNIKA

JUST je imao priliku da osvoji tri boda, ali je posle svog gola izgubio borbenosti i prepuštao inicijativu dosojnom protivniku. Tesko je samisli da se igračima koji imaju neizgovarani izvor znanja i energije. Istina ista je da je ruku nezapećen igrač "plavi" koji je uspavao ranije postigao gol. Ni predviđajevanje ne može podigati u potpunosti igraču na veliku visinu, ali je igrač i komšija mogao da povratka na nedavne teške dane. Tako strah da ne dozvoljava da igraju simečeno i sredjeno, već svaku utakmicu pomicaju i završavaju u grcu. Kako drukcije objasniti cinjenicu da su se dva kola nasla na istom mestu, smetnju jedan drugom u kritičnom momenatu, pred sam kraj utakmice kada je JUST imao bodove u desnu. Izkusni protivnik je prebacio loptu na suprotnu stranu, koju je zjapila prazna, posto je tada izvanredni Sulejman Čučović bio u posebi Hazabentu u radno vreme. Istina mogla je ta poseta da ostane nezapaćena kao mnoge druge, ali lopta je sretno stala na nogu rezervnom igraču Dodsu, koji je postigao gol životu. Mogao je isto tako da uradi i Sulejman Čučović dvadesetak minuta ranije, ali njegova raketka pruhujala je dosta daleko od gola, no ipak izvukla je doista izduha.

Problem "plavih" se trema i panika, svi znaci da nedostaje barem jedan iksusan igrač u pozadini. Čak i Boland brani, ali to je dokaz loše ispučavanja u kritičnim momentima.

Ispak, JUST može i mora biti zadovoljan sa do sad postignutim rezultatom. Jedan poluples uvek postavlja delujući, jer spusta igrače na zemlju, gde se vodi glavna bitka. Takođe, trener je imao problem kako da sastavi tim kada ima višak igrača. Možda je Joe Carroll trebao da uđe u igru mnogo ranije, ali zbog moguće povrede promene igrača vrse se samo po nudi.

Sledi protivnik JUST-a je stari domaći rival Heidelberg Alexander koji se nalazi u velikoj krizi, ali ne treba zaboraviti da je uvek bio neugodan za "plave", narocito kada boland brani. Medutim, mafor se mora kad tad razbiti i sada je za to najbolja prilika. Možda je bus zbog toga što "plavi" nisu trijumfovani protiv Altona City, što će u naterati da ozbiljno shvate utakmicu u Heidelbergu.

DRUGI DERBI U PRESTONU

Makedonija je igrala pareceno u Adelaidi, gde je prešednik nezavisnosti tri vremena boda. Ne znamo kao se igrači ovdje, ali "crvenčani" moraju biti zadovoljni sa rezultatom u postima poslednje dve nedelje iako se Sydney City u međuvremenu opasno približio. Njihovi ispit Makedonija pošle slediće nedelja ne svom igraču protiv lokalnog rivala South Melbourne Helasa, koji se polako ali sigurno približava vrhu tabele. Steta igraliste Makedonije nije vece, inace bi bio oboren rekord lokalnih derbija. Makedonija je u odlicnoj poziciji da popravi negativan bilans sa Helasom.

SMENA NA VRHU TABELE

Croatia je neopeckivana prepuštala celnu poziciju Ajaksu, posto je izgubila skoro dobijenu utakmicu protiv Juventus-a. Ovaj poraz može imati posledica, ako prijem novih klubova u Nacionalnu ligu bude uslovljen, pored odricanja nacionalnih imena, i plasmana na tabeli drzavne lige.

Istina, pitanje pravaka je ni resenje, ali ni drugo može nijesati. Jer da karta preventiva ostaje još jesti duži i nizvilen kola. Narocito je tuđljivo uvedeće 21. kola, koje može vratisi Croatia-nu na staro mesto pod uslovom da se ne potceni George Cross, jer Juventus može pomrsiti racune i Ajaksu, sa kojim se stajaste u Green Gully.

TURNIR VETERANA U MELBURNU

Mnogi ne se sećaju, ali pre 20 godina u svim na nogometnim utakmicama u Melburnu bilo je mnogo više publike, iako su u centru pažnje bili drugi klubovi. Od njih je vrhu ostao samo JUST, dok u Srbiji, George Cross i Polonia potisnuti privremeno u pozadini. Zvezda tog člana i romantičnog vremena namejavaju da na ovu osvezu i spomenike sa jedinim originalnim timom učestvuje i neki stupili veterani gore ponosnih klubova. Dolaz u obaveštenje veterani stariji od 38 (zaeto ne 40!), JUTTove veteranje prema za ovaj susret popularni Steve Rock Zakomarok, koji je odusevljavao publiku u sestoj deceniji ovog stoljeća. Možda je Stivo bio jedini igrač, kome su sudje priznale sa strahostovanjem. Bio je sijajan igrač, ali nepravdu nije podnosi, zbog cega je dobio nadimak "stormy petrel" (kocoperica ptica, burica). Ali, posto je pisemo ovoga putu niciju biografiju, da se vratimo na turnir veterana. Bilo koji igrač starog JUST-a, koji je dozio nosio dres prvog time, umoljava se da se javi turniru Stivi Rock svakog radnog dana posle 6 casova uveće na broj: 551 526.

ODNEĆI BODOVE I ISPRAZNILI KANTINU

Richmond je pobedio Altona Gate/Vardara sa 1-0 (0-0). Ali nisu im bila dovoljna dva boda, već su sve pojeli. Iako je učinkovito i učinkovito kantini, ljudi su se postepeno platili, čak su i cascavali nakon da bi sto bilo proslavljeni otmici dva boda, koji su Vardaru potrebiti kao nasusni hleb. Altona Gate/Vardar voli ovakve trozadje, ali josi vise dva boda, za koje se mora junacki boriti ideje nedelja u Werriveu. Vardar je uspeo prosliti nedelje da onemoguci bolesnog Dragana Vasića da se ne upise u strelice, ali sta vred, kada je ipak primila fuseski gol. Inace, igra je bila fer i na visini. Možda je bio mnogo bolji u polju, ali je mnogo petljao i filozifirao pred golom, dok su gosti cekali, docekali i iskoristili sansu koja donosi pobjedu.

VELIKA SANSA ZA RINGWOOD/SRBBIJU

Nesto svom pobedom nad slabom Prahan/Slavijom sa 3-0, ali još više nezvaničnim izborom ostalih utakmica, Ringwood/Srbija je isbila na cestu mesta sa utakmicom manke odigranom. Sansa je idealna za osvajanje kac i prvič mesta, samo treba sacuvati dočekati susret sa North Dan-

denongom. Ali pre toga ne smi se pokloniti ni jedan put, naročito sledeće subotu protiv drugog tima Makedonije, koga se učinkovito suđuje. Određena je da drugim timom "plavih" Makedonija niti upotrebla igrače Nacionalne ekipe. Kako Gary Ward?

Drugi tim JUST je u gostima zasluženo pobedio borbenog Ardeera sa 2-0 (0-0), iako nije pružio najbolje igru. Novala je bila suvise lezerna i plastljiva, tako da su lepe sanse otiske u nepovrat. Tek kada je Tomi Karic krenuo u napad pokazao je da mirise na gol. I zaista njegova zlatna desnica otvorila je seriju golova sutinom sa 30 metara. Golman se ispruzio koliko je dug, ali uzalud, jer se ovakavi sutevi samo srecom braće. Drugi gol je dosao sam po sebi, posle izvaredne akcije, tako da Tom Clayton wuetao sa loptom u mrežu. Tom Krnic se edinico snasao kao centarhaf, dok je mlađi golman Peter Hrehorevic iskusio resko tesku situaciju, koje su stvorili nesigurni bekovi. Ovime tomu nedostaje dinamični Emili Petrov, koji ne igra već vede nedelje slobode povreda. Zaista je neobjasnivo zasto se drugi tim JUST našao u donjem delu tabele, kada mu je po igri mesto u samom vrhu. Na subotu 20. avgusta igraju se sledeće utakmice: Scooter Reser u Waverley City, Navacija će imati gosti protivnog toga dana, jer u ilascu pocinjuju jučeri. JUST Altona Gate/Vardara, u 1 po podne rezervu drugog tima JUST-a u Waverley City, a prvi timovi u 3 po podne. Kantina ce biti dobro snabdevana nasmis specija-litetama i picen u otulu glad i zed do pojedice PLAVLE VECERI u restoranu "Happy Bistro", koji priprema bogatu veceru sa lepotom zabavom za sve 10 dolara od 7.30 uveče do zore.

SLOGA SE BLIZI VRHU DOK MLADOST TONE

CARLTON/MLADOST-LALOR/SLOGA 0-3 (0-2). Seriju golova je otvorio Ljuba Stojanovic, koji je dva puta zatrešao mrežu Mladosti u prvom poluvremenu. Dok se Sloga, posle pucetci prvenstva, krupnim koracima približava vrhu tabele, dotele Mladost sive dublike tone, ma da je pre pet do sedam nedelja obećavala mnogo, posti je zadrmala vodeće klubove pre provizionalne divizije. Igraci nisu losi, ali treba promoci gde skripi i zasto kripi, jer još ima vremena za spasavanje.

Dok se Mladost preznojava na dnu tabele HAWKSBURN je prosle subote resio sve brije iako je zabe-

lezio prvu pobedu tek posle puna tri meseca. Pobedni gol postigao je najstariji igrač Joe Sabo iz guve, a posle slobodnog udarca koji je izveo drugi veteran, Andras Kazai sa 25 metara u 59. minuti. Najbolji igrači Stejepan Kanton, Andras Kazai i Joe Sabo. Posto je rezerva Shepparton City zakasnila citav sat, Hawkburn je dobio dva boda bez borbe.

U subotu 20. avgusta igraju se sledeće utakmice: East Brunswick v. Carlton/Mladost, Lalor/Sloga v. Chelsea, Langwarren v. Hawkburn.

BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO IGRAZA PUBLIKU

Bratstvo/Jedinstvo — West Melbourne 7.0 (1.0). Laka i ubedljiva pobeda novog šampiona treće provizionalne divizije, koji je u drugom poluvremenu zajavio publiku lepin golovima i efektivnim igrom Strelci: Miljan Stojilovic 2, Dragoslav Jelicic 2, Milek Culibrk, Petko Tomic i Stevo Janicje 1. Najbolji igrači Dragan Janicje, Dragoslav Jelicic i Petko Tomic. Rezerva je pobedila sa 10 (4-0). Strelci: Zdravko Dabice 3, Sime Rukavina 2, Nebojsa Dragovic 2, Nebojsa Dragojevic i Ljubisa Tomic 1. U subotu 20. avgusta Bratstvo/Jedinstvo gostuje u Mitcham.

West Geelong/Makedonija — Pascoe Vale/Pelister 1-1 (1-1). Iako je igrao bez tri najbolja igrača (kapiten Mirko Dranovski, Zoran Ristevski i John Benala), Pelister je sa malim srećom mogao da vidi kuc u subotu 20. avgusta gol pružao je Danny McLachlan. Debakl je sa uspehom Vlado Cvetanovski, star 16 godina. U predigri rezerva Makedonija pobedila je Pelister sa 3-0. Sledeci subote Pelister igra na svom igralistu protiv Brunswick Citya.

University of Melbourne — Altona/Vojvodina 1.5 (0-2). Iako je Vojvodina završila utakmicu sa 9 igrača, zbor cudnog sudije, ipak je visoko porazila domaći tim. Odmah posle odmora subija je posle jednog običnog faula i bez prethodne opomene izbacio Paul Gallu, a nesto pokazao je put u slavionici Slobođan Dimitrijevsom, zbog prigovora svom igraču. Posli 10 godina Pavle Oravec je ponovo stao medijati u svu uspešnost je obavio golmansu dozrost. Strelci: Miki Cvetkovski 2, Adam Miller 2 i Aleks Micevski. Najbolji igrači: Pavle Oravec, Adam Miller i Miki Cvetkovski. Rezerva je izgubila sa 2:4 (1-2). Strelci: Cvetan Simonovski i Tony Karanfilovski. U subotu 20. avgusta Vojvodina dočekuje na svom igralistu Burnley.

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Ο ΕΦΕΤΙΚΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΝΟΧΗΣ ΠΟΝΤΙΟΝ

Ο ένθιστος χόρος της Έωσης Ποντίων θα γίνεται στις 8 του 'Οκτωβρίου 1983 στο Διμήτριο το Ρίγοντον.

Για τα εισιτήρια σας πηλεψωντας στον 6-ριών

429 4241.

T. PERKOULIDIS 8 HODGSON TER. RICHMOND.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες τηλεφωνήστε στο 429 4241 ή 233 7978.

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΣΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΑΣΣΑ

Την Κυριακή 20 Αυγούστου 1983 κατ' άριθμο 10 Χ.Π.Α. στο Μεντά Πάρκ θα γίνει έντακτη Γενική Συνέλευση της "Ελάσσας Μελβούρνης".

Ο ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΗΠΕΙΓΟΡΑ

Τρίτη ΙΙΒΑΣΙ ΒΙΕΣ ΛΕΙΤΩΝ το Περάν Σίτου και συνεχίζεται να είναι στην Ιτ οπή Ήλισθ ιστορίας της Γ' του Μετροπολίτη.

Τη γιορτή πέντε χρόνων από την ίδρυση της Επικοινωνίας Ελάσσας.

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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

Presents

ROUND TWENTY-THREE

This Sunday
August 21

PRESTON

v

**SOUTH
MELBOURNE**

at Connor Reserve
K.O. 3pm

Previous results

'77	.....
'78	.....
'79	.....
'80	.....
'81	.....	1-1
'82	.....	1-1



DAVID JONES
(Preston)



CHARLIE EGAN
(South Melbourne)



GARY COLE
(Heidelberg)

HEIDELBERG
v
FOOTSCRAY
At Olympic Village
K.O. 3pm

Previous results

'77	.....	2-0
'78	.....	0-1
'79	.....	2-1
'80	.....	3-2
'81	.....	2-0
'82	.....	3-3



ZVRADKO LUJIC
(Footscray)